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APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

ON THE

BOUNDARY LINE

BETWEEN THE STATES OF

VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND.

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REPORT.

BALTIMORE, *March 4th*, 1872.

To the Honorable, the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, on the subject of the Boundary Line between the States of Virginia and Maryland:

GENTLEMEN:—The accompanying correspondence is a proper Appendix to the Report of the Commissioners upon the boundary line between Virginia and Maryland, already referred to you.

I may add that last autumn Gen. Wise proposed that the Commissioners of the two States should jointly apply to the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey for a detail of a corps of Surveyors to aid us in our work. I stated, in reply, that with the aid of the surveys and maps made under the direction of the Joint Commissions of 1858 and 1867, I doubted if further surveys *on land* would be necessary, and that Maryland had made no appropriation to defray the expense of a further survey. But I think it highly probable that a survey of the shores and islands in the vicinity of the boundary line will be found advisable to show the changes that have taken place therein by the action of the waters upon them since 1668, and also since the U. S. Coast Survey and the surveys under the direction of the former Joint Commissions were made.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC D. JONES.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Executive Department,

Annapolis, December 20th, 1870.

HON. ISAAC D. JONES,

My Dear Sir:—I enclose you communication from Gov'r Walker, (which you will please return to this office after its use by the Commission,) and Hon. Henry A. Wise, relating to the Boundary Commission. I have written Gov'r Wise that he had better communicate through you, with your associates.

Truly and respectfully,

ODEN BOWIE.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

Executive Chambers,

Richmond, Dec'r 8th, 1870.

His Excellency, ODEN G. BOWIE,

Governor of Maryland, Annapolis.

Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that, in compliance with the Joint Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of Virginia, approved June 27th, 1870, (a copy of which has been sent you,) I have appointed and commissioned Messieurs Henry A. Wise, Wm. Watts and D. C. De Jarnette, Commissioners on the part of Virginia, to meet the Commissioners of Maryland, and, with a competent corps of Surveyors to be assigned to this duty by the proper officers of the United States Government, to ascertain and locate the true boundary line between the two States. I have also made formal application to the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, for the assignment of a competent corps of Surveyors to this duty, as contemplated by our legislative resolutions, and have received a favorable reply thereto. I enclose herewith a copy of his reply. The Honorable Secretary of the Treasury directs that the necessary authority for the assignment asked for "be given so soon as a similar application shall be made by the Governor of Maryland, or by the Joint Commission in its official capacity;" and I would respectfully suggest that this application be made by the Joint Commission as soon as organized.

As soon as the Virginia Commissioners above named shall have been apprised of the readiness of the Maryland Commissioners, they will at once proceed to agree upon a time and place to meet and organize the Joint Commission, and to perform the duties assigned them.

Renewing my assurance of my high appreciation of the honorable and conciliatory course pursued by you in our late oyster difficulties, and the high estimation in which you are held by the people of Virginia as well as myself—

I am, very respectfully,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

G. C. WALKER.

 WASHINGTON, Decr. 6th, 1870.

HON. G. C. WALKER, Governor of Virginia,

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, informing me that you had been

intrusted by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, to apply to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for the assignment of a "competent corps of Surveyors to the duty of ascertaining and locating the true boundary lines between the State of Virginia, and the States of Maryland, North Carolina and Tennessee;" and requesting "to be informed, as early as convenient, whether, under the laws and instructions controlling the U. S. Coast Survey, such an assignment of a corps of competent Surveyors, as referred to, can be made for this duty; and if so, upon what terms and conditions; and at what time they can meet the Joint Commission of the States of Virginia and Maryland and proceed with the work?" The request made in your letter was duly referred to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that the Superintendent of the Coast Survey be authorized to act in compliance therewith, and the necessary authority will be given so soon as a similar application shall be made by the Governor of Maryland, or by the Joint Commission in its official capacity, as usual in such cases. The conditions upon which an assignment, as referred to, can be made are, that the expenses of the corps, with the exception of the salaries of the Assistants or Surveyors who may be detailed for the duty, be paid jointly by the two States. These expenses will comprise the usual allowances, travelling expenses, and the cost of outfit, and pay and subsistence of employees for such surveys and field operations as may be necessary for ascertaining and locating the true boundary lines. The investments will be supplied by the Coast Survey.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obt. servant,

(Signed,)

RICHD. D. CUTTS,

Asst. U. S. C. Survey,

For the Superintendent.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, *December 16th*, 1870.

To His Excellency, ODEN G. BOWIE,

Governor of Maryland :

Sir :—His Excellency, Govr. Walker, of Virginia, informs me that you are already apprised by him that Messieurs Wm. Watts, D. C. De Jarnette and myself have been appointed Commissioners on the part of Virginia, to meet the Commissioners on the part of Maryland, to ascertain and locate the true boundary line between the two States. We are not informed whether the Commissioners of Maryland have been appointed ; or, if so, what their names and residences are ;

and we desire to be informed of their wishes and convenience as to the time and place of meeting for a conference. My co-Commissioners request me to ascertain who are the Commissioners of Maryland and their address, in order that I may correspond with them. The three Commissioners of Virginia will confer with each other here at Richmond, on Wednesday next, the 26th instant. You will oblige me by giving me the desired information by that time.

With the highest consideration and respect,

Yours, truly,

HENRY A. WISE.

